

REMARKS

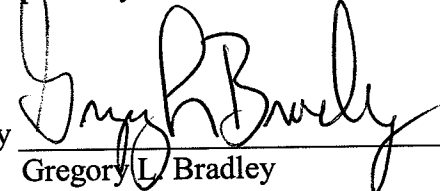
This Amendment is responsive to the April 11, 2007 Office Action. Claims 22-30, 32-35, 38, 41-49, and 52-57 remain pending in this application, but are rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double-patenting over claims 1-44 of United States Patent No. 6,731,971 to Evans et al. in view of United States Patent No. 4,901,731 to Millar. A Terminal Disclaimer over United States Patent No. 6,731,971 accompanies this Amendment in response to this rejection.

The informalities objected to in the Specification have been corrected. Specifically, the Cross-Reference to Related Applications paragraph has been amended to update the status of the continuing data. The Abstract as amended in the Preliminary Amendment dated June 13, 2005 is objected to under 35 USC § 1.32(a) for allegedly introducing new matter into the disclosure. The Abstract has been amended to overcome this objection. The change to the Abstract was made to expedite prosecution of this Application only and should not be construed as an acceptance by Applicant that the matter deleted from the Abstract constitutes new matter.

In view of the foregoing and Applicant's accompanying submission of a Terminal Disclaimer over United States Patent No. 6,731,971, Applicant believes a Notice of Allowability is now in order for pending claims 22-30, 32-35, 38, 41-49, and 52-57 and such is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding any of the foregoing or wish to discuss this application in further detail to advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number provided below.

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